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Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is in response to your request for review of environmental impacts associated with the abandonment, by Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, of a six mile line of railroad between Tolna and Hamar, in Nelson and Eddy Counties, ND.

The proposed project has been reviewed by State Water Commission staff and the following comments are provided:

- The property is not located in an identified floodplain.
- All waste material associated with the project must be disposed of properly and not placed in identified floodway areas.

There are no other concerns associated with this project that affect State Water Commission or State Engineer regulatory responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide review comments. If you have any questions, please call me at 328-4969.

Sincerely,

Larry Knudtson
Research Analyst

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